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SUBJECT: VICE PRESIDENT'S REQUEST FOR BRIEFING PAPERS

REF: MAPUTO 0570, STATE 112699

1. REGARDING LAKE URGENT REQUEST FOR PAPERS ON MAPUTO (AMONG OTHER SUBJECTS) CONFERENCE IS TURNING OUT, AS SUGGESTED REFTELS, TO BE MUCH Milder THAN OUR ALLIES ANTICIPATED. BRITISH SEEM PARTICULARLY RELIEVED AND SENIOR MEMBER OF THEIR DELEGATION INFORMED ME THIS AFTERNOON THAT WHOLE AFFAIR HAD TURNED OUT TO BE MARVELOUS OPPORTUNITY" TO TALK TO A NUMBER OF AFRICAN LEADERS. MANLEY FROM JAMAICA, HOWEVER, GAVE TOUGH SPEECH TODAY.

2. WE ARE UNLIKELY TO SEE COMPLETE DRAFTS OF CONFERENCE DOCUMENTS BEFORE THE PRESIDENT'S MEETING WITH VORSTER. UNOFFICIAL DRAFTS CIRCULATING NOW ARE MILD BY AFRICAN STANDARDS BUT CONTAIN NUMEROUS PROVISIONS US COULD NOT NOW ACCEPT, ESPECIALLY REGARDING MANDATORY EMBARGOES ON ARMS OR TRADE TIES. WE CONTINUE TO PLAN TO REFUSE TO NEGOTIATE DETAILED LANGUAGE CHANGES BUT TO URGE AFRICANS NOT TO CLOSE OFF NEGOTIATION ROUTE TO SETTLEMENT IN FINAL DRAFT THEY BRING FORWARD.

3. US SCHEDULED TO SPEAK THURSDAY, APRIL 19.

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4. ON APRIL 17 AMBASSADOR YOUNG MET WITH SWAPO'S NUJOMA. LATTER EXPRESSED "APPRECIATION" FOR INITIATIVE WESTERN 5 HAD TAKEN RE NAMIBIA. HE FOCUSED HIS CRITICISM ON OUR DECISION TO BRIEF IN NAMIBIA TURNHALLE GROUP. HE ARGUED THAT THIS CONVEYED DEGREE OF RECOGNITION TO SOUTH AFRICAN CONTROL OF TERRITORY AND ASSERTED WE SHOULD ONLY MEET WITH TURNHALLE REPRES-

ENTATIVES IN SOUTH AFRICA ITSELF. NUJOMA HAS ALSO RAISED WITH OTHERS (SECRETARY GENERAL AND SWEDISH UN AMBASSADOR) NEED FOR UN PEACEKEEPING FORCE IN NAMIBIA BUT AVOIDED CHANCE TO RAISE THIS ISSUE WITH AMB. YOUNG. NUJOMA ALSO PRESSED FOR KEY ROLE FOR COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA IN SETTLEMENT SCENARIO. THIS WILL BE DELICATE BECAUSE ONE OF OUR ALLIES IN SOUTH AFRICA FOOLISHLY ASSURED SOUTH AFRICANS THAT COUNCIL WOULD BE SIDESTEPED.

5. AMBASSADOR YOUNG JUST LEFT MEETING WITH PRESIDENT MACHEL, WHO IN POWERFUL PRESENTATION PRESSED VERY HARD ON WHAT US INTENDED TO DO TO HELP IN LIBERATION OF RHODESIA. ("IF YOU BELIEVE IN LIBERATION, WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO TO HELP US.) MACHEL ALSO DROVE HOME THE VIEW THAT ALL PREVIOUS WESTERN EFFORTS TO PROMOTE NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT HAD ONLY BOUGHT TIME FOR SMITH. MORE COMPLETE REPORT FOLLOWS.
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